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To: Joyce Ackerman/EPR/R8/USEPA/US@EPA

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Subject: Phone Calls from Casper Residents

Joyce - Can you check this out please. thanks. dms

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From: Terry Anderson on 05/03/2001 12:28 PM

To: Douglas Skie/EPR/R8/USEPA/US@EPA

cc: Glenn Tucker/RA/R8/USEPA/US@EPA

Subject: Phone Calls from Casper Residents

This morning I received a call from [REDACTED] who lives in Casper Wyoming. She told me about a concern that her family and several other families have about the possible releases of chemicals from Defense Technology, a manufacturer of pepper spray and tear gas and possibly other deterrents. She said that this past winter was especially difficult with flu like illnesses for her family, which she is now wondering may be linked to the operations at Defense Technology. What has made her suspicious has been a neighbor who had to move out of their home several weeks ago because of odors that caused nausea. She gave me the name of their neighbor and their business phone. I called this person along with Glenn Tucker to hear his story. The only name I have is [REDACTED] for this individual. [REDACTED] said that he and his wife have been living in a motel for going on several weeks and that he is not able to stay more than a short time in his home without getting sick to his stomach. [REDACTED] mentioned two other persons who think they were possibly exposed to chemicals from Defense Technology. One of these persons is in [REDACTED] until the end of the month, his name is [REDACTED] and he called me later in the morning. The second person is on travel right now and his name is [REDACTED]. According to [REDACTED], Defense Technology sampled [REDACTED] business and found something in the air, which [REDACTED] believes came from Defense Technology. The upshot of these communications is that each of these persons are convinced that they are being exposed to chemicals from the manufacturing plant and that these chemicals are either making them sick or causing other physical problems. Glenn Tucker is getting one of our toxicologists to do research on tear gas and pepper spray. Since this not an area that my office normally gets involved, is it something you folks want to investigate? The names of the people I have spoken to so far are:

[REDACTED] = disconnected
[REDACTED]

I did not speak to [REDACTED]

Of the persons I spoke to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] probably have the most information. [REDACTED] said they spoke to someone at the state by the name of [REDACTED] but he could not remember more than that. Also, [REDACTED] talked to someone from EPA once before and did not remember that person's name either. The number for Defense Technology is 307-234-3495. I did not call them as I believe I need to refer this matter to someone who can follow through directly with these parties, rather than working through our office. Please advise me if you think someone else needs to get involved. Please call me if you need further information (6244). Thanks.

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